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SUBJ: SHCHARANSKIY INVESTIGATION REACHES LENINGRAD

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1. POST HAS BEEN INFORMED BY SOURCE WHO JUST RETURNED FROM MOSCOW THAT SHCHARANSKIY INVESTIGATION HAS SPREAD WELL BEYOND MOSCOW AND IS APPARENTLY FOCUSSED ON A BROAD RANGE OF REFUSENIK ACTIVITIES. IN ADDITION TO THE 27 PERSONS REPORTEDLY CALLED THERE FOR QUESTIONING AS WITNESSES DURING THE SUMMER, THREE HAVE BEEN SUMMONED IN MINSK, AN UNKNOWN NUMBER IN RIGA, AND ONE IN SORATOV. ONE MEMBER OF THE INVESTIGATING COMMISSION IS REPORTEDLY FROM SARATOV. ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 26 MIKHAIL NOSOVSKIY AND IL'YA SHESTAKOVSKIY WERE REPORTEDLY QUESTIONED IN LENINGRAD WITH THE INTERROGATION OF SHESTAKOVSKIY LASTING THE ENTIRE DAY. ON AUGUST 29, LENINGRADERS YOSIF BLIKH AND VLADIMIR KNOKH WERE SUMMONED FOR QUESTIONING, SOURCE REPORTED.

2. ACCORDING TO LEONID VOLVOVSKIY'S TYPESCRIPT ACCOUNT OF HIS INTERROGATION IN MOSCOW ON JULY 20, INVESTIGATORS ASKED ABOUT SEVERAL ASPECTS OF SHCHARANSKIY'S ASSOCIATION WITH
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FOREIGNERS; SIGNING OF A "CONGRATULATORY LETTER" TO SENATORS RIBICOFF AND JACKSON AND TO CONGRESSMAN VANIK; OBTAINING INFORMATION FROM REFUSENIKS ABOUT THEIR FORMER WORK AND PASSING IT ON TO OTHERS; AND COMPILING, SIGNING, AND SENDING INFORMATION TO HEADS OF CAPITALIST STATES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. IN PARTICULAR, VOLVOVSKIY WAS ASKED ABOUT A PROTEST SENT TO GENERAL VLADIMIR OBIDEN, HEAD OF

CENTRAL OVIR, ABOUT THE RECENT TELEVISION FILM "BUYERS OF SOULS" (ZAKUPSHCHIKI DUSH). VOLVOVSKIY, WHO APPARENTLY EVADED DIRECT ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS DESPITE THREATS OF PROSECUTION FOR DOING SO, REFUSED TO SIGN A PLEDGE OF SECRECY ABOUT HIS INTERROGATION, AND HIS TYPESCRIPT IS REPORTEDLY MAKING THE ROUND AS INSPIRATIONAL READING AMONG MOSCOW REFUSENIKS.

3. IN ADDITIONAL MOVES:

--LENINGRAD EDITOR OF PERIODICAL "JEWS IN U.S.S.R.", EMILIA SOTNIKOVA, RECEIVED EXIT PERMISSION IN MID-AUGUST AND LEFT FOR ISRAEL AUGUST 31. WITH HER DEPARTURE WE KNOW OF NO FURTHER LEADING LENINGRAD PARTICIPANTS ON THIS PERIODICAL, THE ACTIVITIES OF WHICH, AS REPORTED EARLIER, (REFTEL A) AUTHORITIES HAVE HAD UNDER INVESTIGATION.

--WE ALSO NOTE A CONTINUING USE HERE OF JEWISH EMIGRATION CHANNEL TO GET RID OF NON-JEWISH AND NON-REFUSENIK ARTISTS AND TROUBLE MAKERS. LATEST EXAMPLE IS NON-OFFICIAL ARTIST YURIY GALETSKY AND WIFE, WHO WERE TOLD ON AUGUST 26 THAT THEY MUST LEAVE BY SEPTEMBER 14 TO ISRAEL. NEUBERT

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